

**LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Item Summary**

MEETING DATE: **July 13, 2004**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 3

CONSENT: **X**

REGULAR:

CLOSED SESSION:
(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Resolution for Preserve America Communities 2003/2004 Application**

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of the resolution.

SUMMARY: On April 9, 2004, the Department of Community Planning and Development submitted an application to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for designating the City of Lynchburg as a *Preserve America Community*. The *Preserve America Community* Program provides national recognition for communities that protect, use and celebrate their heritage assets. Lynchburg made application for this designation based on the following:

- It would give national recognition by the President and First Lady and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation that Lynchburg is a national leader in historic preservation.
- There is a possibility of a dedicated source of Federal funding to which to apply for matching grants. President Bush recommended funding at a level of \$10,000,000.

Communities are required to provide a copy of a resolution adopted by the governing body indicating its commitment to the preservation of its heritage assets. Attached is a proposed resolution indicating Lynchburg's commitment to the preservation of its heritage assets.

PRIOR ACTION(S):

- May 9, 2004: The Department of Community Planning & Development submitted the *Preserve America Communities Application* to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- June 9, 2004: In a letter dated June 9, 2004, Ronald D. Anzalone, Director of the Office of Preservation Initiatives, advised that the Application met all requirements with the exception of a resolution adopted by the governing body indicating its commitment to the preservation of its heritage assets.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

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ATTACHMENT(S):

- Resolution
- Preserve America Communities 2003/2004 Application

REVIEWED BY: lkp

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Preserve America is a White House initiative developed in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this initiative include a greater shared knowledge about our nation's past, strengthened regional identities and local pride, increased local participation in preserving the country's irreplaceable cultural and natural heritage assets, and support for the economic vitality of communities; and

WHEREAS, this initiative is compatible with our community's interests and goals related to historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lynchburg values its heritage, as represented in six historic districts and numerous individual properties and projects involving many public and private partners and citizen volunteers; and

WHEREAS, designation as a Preserve America Community will improve our community's ability to protect and promote its historic resources; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Lynchburg will protect and celebrate our heritage, use our historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs.

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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